



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Jason Dominik Hool, Javier Urena, Fredrick
Spears and Osamu Ohno

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/849,731

FILED: May 3, 2001

FOR: A DIAGNOSTIC PETTE ASSEMBLY
INCLUDING AUTOMATED
ASPIRATION APPARATUS

PATENT

ART UNIT NO.: 1743

EXAMINER: Dwayne K. Handy

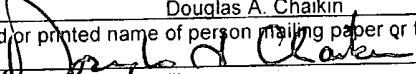
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February 10, 2004

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Response A in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- Corrected Drawings, to wit: Figs. 3 and 8 with appropriate red lettering.

RESPONSE A TRANSMITTAL(Supplemental)
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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- Fee of \$55 for extension of time in the first month.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
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INDEP.	* 4	MINUS *** 5	= 0	X 39= \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDANT CLAIM				
			+125= \$	+250= \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE
			\$0	\$0

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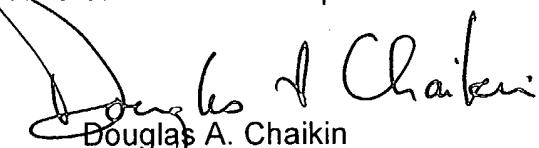
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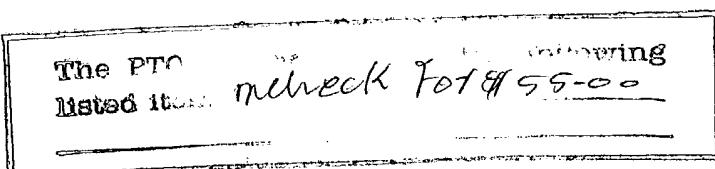
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Respectfully submitted

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RESPONSE A (Supplemental)

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Dear Sir:

This Response A (Supplemental) is being submitted in response to the Office Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 6, 2004, relating to the above-identified application.

Reexamination and reconsideration of said application are respectfully requested. Applicant did not correctly provide the status identifier of the claims which were not changed. Those claims that have not been changed have been provided with